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SUBJECT: TERRITORIAL ASYLUM CONFERENCE, COMMITTEE OF THE  
WHOLE, 9TH AND 10TH MEETINGS, JANUARY 20, 1977

1. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, AFTER INTRODUCTION OF AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 2, HEARD STATEMENTS OF 22 DELEGATIONS. (SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT COMPILING AMENDMENTS TO EXPERTS' TEXT OF ARTICLE 2 IS BEING AIRMAILED TO DEPT. (SCHWEBEL AND CARLIN)).
  2. DESULTORY STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY BYELORUSSIA, COLOMBIA, HOLY SEE ,  
GDR, SRI LANKA, UKRANIA SSR, TANZANIA, SYRIA, ITALY, BANGLADESH, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ECUADOR, INDIA, AUSTRALIA, HUNGARY, SWITZERLAND, GHANA AND PERU.
  3. DEBATE HAS NOT MATURED ENOUGH TO ENABLE USDEL TO MAKE SPECIFIC OBSERVATIONS, BUT FOLLOWING GENERALIZATIONS SEEM VALID:
    - A. THERE IS GENERAL SUPPORT FOR EXPERTS' TEXT, BUT WITH "IMPROVEMENTS."
    - B. WESTERN PREFERENCE FOR DELETIONS OF REFERENCE TO "COLONIALISM AND APARTHEID" IN ARTICLE 2(1)(A) STRONGLY RESISTED BY AFRICANS.
    - C. USSR TEXT TO EXPAND LIST OF CRIMES UNDER ARTICLE 2(1)(A) IS UNCLASSIFIED
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  - D. ARAB PROPOSAL IN L.29 HAS MODEST SUPPORT.
  - E. CZECHOSLOVAK-POLISH PROPOSAL (L.33) THAT ASYLUM STATE MUST CONSIDER THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NATIONALITY OF ASYLEE IN ORDER

TO DETERMINE CRIMINAL STATUS IS NOT GENERALLY ACCEPTED.

4. USDEL WILL SPEAK TODAY PURSUANT TO DEPT. INSTRUCTIONS.

5. TOO FEW SPEAKERS HAVE INTERVENED TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR  
USDEL TO JUDGE WHEN VOTE WILL COME. WE DOUBT THAT IT WILL BE  
THIS WEEK. CATTO

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